

### SECTION III—REMARKS

This election and amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2005. Claim 18 is amended to clarify its dependency. Claims 13-20 remain pending in the application.

#### Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 26-28 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 (c) for being of improper dependent form because they fail to limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The Examiner required cancellation of these claims.

Claims 26-28 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed with the application. Nonetheless, to confirm their cancellation Applicants have listed them with “canceled” status in this election and amendment.

#### Election

In the Office Action, the claims were restricted into four groups that the Examiner alleges claim patentably distinct inventions:

Group I, comprising claim 14;

Group II, comprising claims 15-18;

Group III, comprising claim 19;

Group IV, comprising claim 20;

The Examiner indicated that claim 13 links the claims of groups I-IV, and that the restriction requirement is subject to the non-allowance of the linking claim.

Applicants have provisionally elected, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group II, comprising claims 15-18. No claims are canceled, and all claims remain pending in the application until the Examiner establishes the non-allowance of linking claim 13. Consideration of the linking claim and the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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